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President, University of Cincinnati, re Association of Urban Universities Conference

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University of Cincinnati

Office of the President

The eighth of October
nineteen hundred and fifteen

President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

The executive committee of the Association of Urban Universities asks me to invite the University of Toronto to join the Association and send representatives to its next meeting to be held in Cincinnati November the fifteenth to seventeenth.

This Association, which was organized at the time of the meeting of the State Universities Association in Washington last November, proposes to study the relations of the university to the city and methods of training for public service. This will be the theme of the coming meeting. To this meeting will also be invited representatives of the cities interested in these subjects, such as superintendents of Boards of Education, the heads of civil service boards, and of the engineering and scientific departments, such as the boards of health, departments of public service, etc. City clubs, bureaus of municipal research, and other organizations of cities are also included in the invitation.

The National Municipal League has called its meeting at Dayton, Ohio, forty miles from Cincinnati, for the day following our meeting, apparently for the

purpose of enabling its members to attend our sessions here.

The discussions at the impromptu meeting held in Washington a year ago were considered of such importance that they are being published by the United States Bureau of Education. You should receive a copy from the Bureau in a few days.

Among the universities taking part in the organization of the Association were the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, the College of the City of New York, Washington University of St. Louis, University of Pittsburgh, Boston University, and the University of Cincinnati. There were sixteen institutions represented at the first meeting and we expect twenty-five or thirty at the next.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles W. Dahmy

October 10th, 1915

President C. W. Dabney,

University of Cincinnati.

My dear President:

I have to thank you for your kind invitation to the University of Toronto to send a representative to the Conference of Urban Universities to be held in Cincinnati on November 15 - 17. I have much pleasure in accepting the invitation. The subjects that you are to discuss seem to me to be of great importance and if I can find it at all possible I will go myself to the meeting.

Will you kindly take this as an answer both to your own letter and to the formal invitation which I have since received ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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The nineteenth of October
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President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

I am glad to hear that Toronto University will join us and that you will try to be with us. We know a little about the great work that you are doing for the city of Toronto and would like to hear more about it. Will you not permit me to put your name on the program to speak to us either at the opening meeting on November the fifteenth at eight P. M., when we are asking a few men to talk on the University and the Municipality, or on Wednesday morning, the seventeenth, when the subject will be the cooperation in education between the university and the city institutions. The speakers on Monday night are intended to sound the keynote of the meeting and the Honorable P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education of the United States, is the only gentleman scheduled for that time yet. We should like very much to have you make the only other set speech that evening.

In my recent visits to Toronto, I was so unfortunate as to find you away, but I enjoyed them very much, from a hasty study of what you are doing. I was deeply impressed with the wisdom of your plans and the great benefits that must accrue to your city

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from your cooperation. I have told our Executive committee of this and they join me in an earnest invitation to you to speak to us.

Some of the other speakers are Mr. John H. Fahey, president of the National Chamber of Commerce; Doctor Hollis Godfrey, formerly chief of a bureau of the city of Philadelphia, and now President of Drexel Institute; Mr. George F. Willett of Boston, a great manufacturer and financier largely interested in city questions. (He has done a remarkable piece of work at Norwood, Massachusetts, transforming the whole town); Professor Beard of Columbia University; Professor Marshall of the University of Chicago; and Mr. Henry Bruere of New York. We should like to have a great layman from Canada interested in city government and training for public service. Can you help us get one?

The meeting promises to be a strong one. Cannot you bring us some representative of your engineering, medical, political science, and other departments engaged in training for public service or working for your city? .

Please telegraph me, at my expense, on receipt of this when it will suit you to address us.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles W. Dabney

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October 21st, 1915

President C. W. Dabney,
University of Cincinnati.

Dear President Dabney:

I have just telegraphed to you that I accept your kind invitation to speak on the evening of Monday, November 15th. I am afraid that we have to learn from you and that we have very little to tell you in the way of co-operation between the city and the university. Though the university bears the name of Toronto it is a Provincial University and the city has no responsibility whatever for it. We have been hoping to come into closer connection with the city, but owing to the outbreak of war we have for the present deferred negotiations.

I am afraid that I cannot bring any representative with me, but I will determine upon that after I return from Eastern Canada for which I leave early next week.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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The twenty-fifth of October
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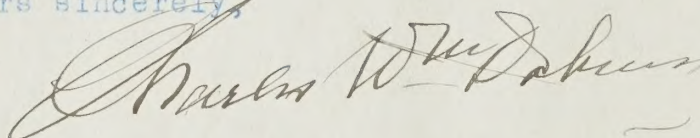
President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

We are very glad indeed to know that
you can be here and speak for us on the evening
of Monday the fifteenth. You are very modest
about what you are doing. I was deeply im-
pressed with the work of Toronto University
when I visited you and our people will be de-
lighted to hear from you.

I enclose a partial program. The
final printed program will probably be out
this week.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure

*The Conference promises to be a large
and strong one.*

CONFERENCE OF
ASSOCIATION OF URBAN UNIVERSITIES
Cincinnati, November 15-17, 1915

PARTIAL PROGRAMME.

The plan is to have one or two addresses introducing each topic and then to throw the discussion open.

Monday, November 15

8 P.M. Opening meeting; The University and the Municipality, the problem stated

Honourable P.P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education,
President Robert Alexander Falconer, The University of Toronto

Tuesday, November 16

10 a.m. The Needs

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, formerly Chief of a Bureau of the City of Philadelphia and now President of Drexel Institute

Mr. George F. Willatt, Boston, Executive Committee of the National Civic Federation

Dr. Glenn L. Swiggett, Secretary for Foreign Service Training, Pan American Union

3 p.m. Methods of Training

Professor Charles Austin Beard, Columbia University and President of the New York Training School.

Professor Henry M. Leipziger, Supervisor of the Extension Department of the New York Board of Education

Mr. Charles Ferris Gettemy, Director of the Massachusetts Statistical Bureau.

Wednesday, November 17

10 a.m. Cooperation in Education between the University and the City Institutions

President L.H. Murlin, Boston University.

To be followed by a business meeting.

7:30 p.m. A dinner

Mr. Henry Bruders, City Chamberlain, New York

Professor Leon C. Marshall, University of Chicago, Dean of the College of Commerce and Administration

Mr. John H. Fahy, Boston, President of the National Chamber of Commerce.

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, visitation of Cincinnati Institutions.

Favourable replies are expected from a number of other gentlemen who have been invited to open discussions.

November 4th, 1915,

President C. W. Dabney,

University of Cincinnati.

Dear President Dabney:

On my return from the East I find your letter with the enclosed programme. I hope to be able to be with you and speak on the Monday evening.

Would you kindly let me know a comfortable hotel in Cincinnati at which I may stay, as I have never been in Cincinnati before?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.